

**FREMONT OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: Janice O'Brien, Kenn Jones, Bill & Noreen Johnson, Jack Karcz, Tina Sturtevant, Matthew Thomas, Jean Ragonese, Peter Bolduc GUEST: Frank Mitchell

7:05 pm Co-Chairperson Janice opened meeting

Kenn had a spreadsheet completed of all identified parcels - identified by members on their individual maps – and forwarded to Kenn.

Our first subject was our 4 page DRAFT Work Plan – Land Conservation in Fremont How to simplify the plan? Frank reviewed with us each number on the pages. After discussion, review and making some minor changes we concluded that we had accomplished some and some were works in progress. Others to be addressed as we go along. NROC can be very helpful in assisting us to write a proposal, which should be our first step. Janice and Kenn to seek funding. Kenn to work with Heidi Carlson on the Town's Web site for town communication.

How do we identify the important parcels in Fremont and filter out those not meeting criteria?
Suggestion of Filtering: Configuration of Land, Parcels together, Landowner unlikely to be interested in conservation.

It was decided we should start off with a broad approach with an informational mailing to landowners and see how many responses we get.

Janice suggested that parcels that connect with each other be colored in one color on our maps. Tina offered to acquire one large town map and do that for us.

Kenn and Janice to attend a Grant writing meeting. Tina offered to attend also.

We have an outreach workshop scheduled for September 19th with Julia Peterson and Barbara McMillan. When announced some members mentioned they could not attend that evening. Janice to contact the presenters to change date to Sept. 26th if possible. She will notify us.

Next meeting September 19th (the outreach workshop).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted:

Noreen Johnson, secretary

Frank mentioned that there is a new very favorable tax law for landowners putting their land into conservation. He will acquire copies of a book "Conserving Your Land" for each member of our committee to review. Very knowledgeable book on conservation.